KITE TALE

Message from the President

WELCOME BACK! I've had the opportunity to THINK THETA while preparing for our exciting year, and I'm so grateful for the many Houston Thetas who have been busy planning, meeting and laughing over the summer in preparation for a fabulous year for our Houston Alumnae Chapter and "Touch of Gold" Theta Charity Antiques Show. Pansy Bouquets abound!

In June I was honored and privileged to be a delegate for the Houston Alumnae Chapter at the 2016 GRAND CONVENTION in Phoenix and to receive the *Golden Kite Award* for our chapter. Foundation Trustee **Dinah McClymonds**, President-elect **Margaret Buescher**, and College District Director **Alicia Lee** and I networked with actives and alumnae from the US and Canada and learned that Thetas are an amazing group of leading women. I am proud to be a Theta!

At the exclusive Foundation Donor Breakfast, **Dinah** got a spontaneous and enthusiastic standing ovation when she received a special plaque for her service as Steering Committee Chair for the wildly successful \$5 million Capital Campaign: GIVE TO LEAD, GIVE TO LEARN. You can read all about it on page 6 and in our Spring-Summer 2016 Theta magazine.

By now you should have received your directory in the mail. Hooray! One addition to our Nite Kite calendar is Happy Hour at Bacco Wine and Spirits on Tuesday, September 20th from 5:30 - 7 PM. Please see page 8 and RSVP if you plan to attend. Our WELCOME BACK MEETING and LUNCH is on Wednesday, September 21 at 10 AM at **Janis Priest**'s lovely home. It's \$15 if you decide to eat lunch, so grab a friend and join us!

All Alumnae Fall Feast

Thursday, October 27th 6:30 p.m.

\$25

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At the home of Andrea Elliott, 6063 Crab Orchard, 77057

Hostesses: Ashley Clark, Andrea Elliott, Suzanne Muchard, Janis Priest, Melissa Schnitzer, Ann Marie Wood

Rsvp by Oct. 21st by paying online at www.houstonthetas.org or by sending your \$25 check to:

Molly Marks

6020 Inwood Drive, 77057

Make check payable to: Houston Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta Fellowship, Food & Fun for Thetas of all ages!

It's time to fly our kites high! Please don't miss all these delightful and entertaining opportunities to enjoy old friends and make new ones. It won't be as much fun without YOU! We've been waiting for you all summer, so jump on in!

Loyally in Theta,

Cynthia Jones Lange





Welcome Back Meeting & Lunch Wednesday, September 21st 10:00 a.m.

> At the home of **Janis Priest** 803 Briar Ridge, 77057 \$15 for Junch

"Segreto: Secrets to Finishing Beautiful Interiors"

Guest Speaker: Leslie Sinclair, Author*, Founder, Owner

Segreto Finishes

*20% proceeds from her book sales at our meeting to be donated to TCAS! Chairs: Andrea Elliott, Janis Priest, Ann Snodgrass

Special Interest Groups and a schedule of Meetings & Upcoming Events on page 10.

Fall Coffee & KAO National Day of Service

Wednesday, October 19th 10:00 a.m.

At the home of **Cheri Fossler** 4511 Oakshire Drive, 77027

"A Musical Walk Down Memory Lane"

Highlighting the Holly Hall Music and Memory program

Learn about Holly Hall, one of our 2016 TCAS beneficiaries. Please bring iTunes gift cards, iPods (gently used or new) or a monetary donation to honor Holly Hall's Music and Memory program and Theta's National Day of Service.



Pansy Bouquets to:

- 2016 Theta Charity Antiques Show Co-Chairs Nancy Bertin and Julie Harris and their hard-working Executive Committee for their preparations for "A Touch of Gold".
- Treasurer **Molly Marks** for handling the dues mailing, processing over 600 dues payments, and coordinating with our Thetabase Chair **Nancy Forester**.
- Thetabase Chair Nancy Forester for her ongoing invaluable service to our chapter which includes updating our Thetabase with membership changes, sending files to officers for reports, assisting with mailings, and learning new updates and programs on the computer.
- Yearbook Editors Kathryn Adkins and Meredith Zenner for getting our yearbook/directory ready to print on time.
- Website Coordinator Lindsay Chernosky for her wisdom and hard work in creating and updating websites for our Houston Alumnae Chapter and TCAS and for her tutorials on the computer.
- Foundation Trustee **Dinah McClymonds** for her selfless service on the highly successful \$5 million *Give to Lean, Give to Leann* Campaign and for making our Houston Thetas proud.
- President-elect Margaret Buescher, Foundation Trustee Dinah McClymonds, and College District Director Alicia Lee for joining Cynthia Lange at Grand Convention 2016 at The Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix in June.
- Houston Alumnae Chapter for receiving a Golden Kite Award, given to outstanding alumnae chapters, at 2016 Grand Convention due to the leadership of 2014-2015 President Susan Martin and 2015-2016 President Melinda Chernosky and their boards.
- Recruitment Chair **Emily Bolin** and the Recruitment Board for processing hundreds of References for Potential New Members and for all of their hard work and time on Recruitment.
- Jennifer O'Donnell for agreeing to be our new Recording Secretary.
- Corresponding Secretary Laura Heyser for writing many notes of compassion and concern this summer.
- Caring Committee Chairs Vicki Lange, Jennifer O'Donnell and Peggy Roe for showing Theta love to our members this summer.
- Margaret Buescher, Ruth Hawk, Vicki Lange, Liz Rigney and Ruthie Waldrop who gave of their time and eagle eyes to help proof the directory.
- Young Alumnae Chair Elizabeth Walsh for establishing a Young Alumnae Facebook page and leading our "35 and under" Thetas with many fun and interesting activities.
- All 2016-2017 Board Members who have agreed to selflessly and lovingly serve our chapter.
- Houston Thetas who have agreed to host, greet and speak at our board and general meetings.
- Chapter Advisor Melinda Chernosky for her wise counsel and patience with my many questions.
- Each of YOU for volunteering your time, talent and efforts to make our chapter run so well!



Seven simple steps to spread the **golden touch...**

The 64th Annual Theta Charity Antiques Show emanating that

"TOUCH OF GOLD"!

Underwriting contributions are pouring in and all booths are filled!

The most important element, **YOU**, is still needed to help make sure the aisles are filled with enthusiastic antique, art and design lovers!

- 1. **Read the brochure** sent to you to find out about the Exhibitors, Forum Speakers, Designer Walks and Art Walks that will be featured this year.
- 2. **Purchase tickets** to events online **beginning September 1**st at www.thetacharityantiquesshow.org or by mailing in order form inside brochure. Remember your "*Theta Commitment*" by purchasing your six tickets (plus one free!) for \$90 by website or by mail!
- 3. Sign-up to volunteer on SignUpGenius. You will receive an email in mid-September with simple instructions on how to sign-up. We need hostesses, ticket sellers, homemade goodies for our exhibitor lounge, and more. This is your invitation to be part of this wonderful team!
- 4. **Read the TCAS Blog** on our website at www.thetacharityantiquesshow.org to learn about our deserving beneficiaries.
- 5. **Honor or remember** your loved ones and friends by adding them to the Commemorative Page in the 2016 Catalog. Form available on our website and on page 4 of Kite Tale. Suggested donation is \$25 per name.
- 6. Please "like" and "follow" the Show on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

FACEBOOK: @thetacharityantiquesshow

https://www.facebook.com/ThetaCharityAntiquesShow

#thetaantiquesshow

INSTAGRAM: @thetaantiquesshow

https://instagram.com/thetaantiquesshow/

#thetaantiquesshow

TWITTER: @theta show

https://twitter.com/theta_show

#thetaantiquesshow

7. Mark your calendars and plan to attend:

Preview Party: Thursday, November 10th, 7-10 p.m.

Show: Friday-Sunday, November 11-13 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sun)

Venue: Bayou City Event Center, 9401 Knight Road, 77045

Chairs: Nancy Bertin and Julie Harris



2016 COMMEMORATIVE PAGE

Your name (or names) <i>as you</i> w	vant it to appear	in the catalog (please print):
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Telephone ()	E-mail	
Enclosed is my gift of \$ in memory o	to the Theta Cha f the following pe	, i
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Please make your check payable to Theta Charity Antiques Show (\$25 per name is suggested) and mail it with this form to: Janie Schubert, 3652 Ella Lee Lane, 77027. Questions?

Contact Janie Schubert at 713-629-5616 or janieschubert@hotmail.com

Deadline for gifts: October 1, 2016



Child Advocates* Superhero 5k and 1k Run Saturday, October 15th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

City Centre, 800 Town & Country Blvd, Houston, 77024

Registration: ChildAdvocates.Org

Team Name: Kappa Alpha Theta - Houston Alumnae Chapter

Password: GOTHETA

Contact: Elizabeth Walsh etwalsh465@gmail.com or 804-926-7577

*One of our permanent TCAS beneficiaries

And, yes! Dress-up like a Superhero!

A special note of gratitude from Dinah...

Dear Theta Alumnae,

After eight wonderful years serving as a Theta Foundation Trustee, I am done with my work! I want to thank you for supporting me in my endeavors, which benefited the organization that we all love, and the young women who are following our lead. I learned so much about how our Fraternity works, and I want you to know that you can be proud of our leaders, both volunteer and staff. Their decisions are based on the future health of Kappa Alpha Theta, and we can trust them.

I hope you will continue to support Theta Foundation's work by being donors. Without the support of Thetas everywhere, the standard of excellence that we associate with Theta would not exist. While I am no longer serving on the Foundation Board, I hope to remain a source of information for the chapter. **Donna Schmidt**, former President of the Houston NW Chapter, is a newly elected Foundation Trustee. Please welcome her when you meet her at one of our meetings or events.

Thank you, and Theta love,

Dinah Hampton McClymonds

Congratulations to Cindy Smith Koester and her husband, Stephen on the birth of their twins Adin Christopher (5lb-15oz) & Catherine Eloise (5lb-10oz) on June 29th.



Everyone is doing great!

CARING & CONCERN

To the family of **Linda Debrovner** on the death of her brother, Jack Castellon.

To the families of **Beth Debrovner Ollenburger** and **Emily Debrovner Bavouset** on the death of their uncle, Jack Castellon.

To the family of **Emily Wynne Bolin** on the death of her father-in-law, Alpha E. Bolin, Jr.

To the family of **Susan Arnold Martin** on the death of her father-in-law, Buddy Martin.

To **Barbara Aiken** as she battles ovarian cancer. **Maura McCarthy** is her daughter.

In our thoughts... in our prayers... and in our hearts...

Directories have been mailed to dues-paying members. Still haven't paid your dues? Visit www.houstonthetas.org to pay online or send check to our treasurer:



Molly Marks, 6020 Inwood Drive, 77057

\$100 Theta Star Membership \$65 Active Membership \$40 Young Alumnae (age 35 and under)

Any updates?

Change of address, phone, email to Nancy Forester nforester@att.net

Kite Tale updates and pictures to Socorro "Suzie" Jones socorrojones@icloud.com

Theta of the Year / Twin Star / Rookie of the Year Awards!



Deadline: December 1, 2016

Honor a deserving Theta by nominating her for one of these special awards to be given out at Founders Day, 2017.

Criteria for Theta of the Year: "a Theta whose contributions to Theta and our community have been outstanding in recent years."

Criteria for Twin Star: "a Theta recognized for her long-time, often unheralded service to Kappa Alpha Theta."

Criteria for Rookie of the Year: a new award created to honor "a young alum who has exhibited outstanding service to the work of the Houston Alumnae Chapter this year or in recent years."

Start sending your nominations to Liz Rigney at Lrigney957@gmail.com or 4854 Post Oak Timber Drive, 77056.

Nomination forms available at all Houston Alumnae meetings or by request. Questions? Call Liz at 713-805-1923.



Theta Foundation announces Houston Scholarship Recipients 2016-2017

Due to the generous support of the alumnae chapter and the Antiques Show, 18 Theta scholars will further their education. They are among the 275 collegian and alumnae Thetas who received \$684,860 in scholarship funding. Recipients embody the Theta ideals of academic excellence, commitment to community, and genuine dedication to Theta. Congratulations!

Scholarship	Recipient(s)	School	Amount
Betty B. Hatchett	Jennifer Ford	Univ. of Oklahoma	\$1225
	Abby Tiedeman	Univ. of Oklahoma	\$1000
Dorothy W. Heard	Jenny Cale	Univ. of Texas	\$1175
	Elizabeth Creech	Univ. of San Diego	\$3000
Houston TCAS	Julie Murphy	TCU	\$2650
Lucille M. Garrett	Courtney Campbell	UT-Dallas	\$2700
Marilyn C. Lynch	Alyssa Baker	Westminster	\$2550
Mary Frances Couper	Allison McManus	Univ. of Oklahoma	\$1000
	Josie Smith	Univ. of Oklahoma	\$1150
Mary M. McDonald	Kelsey Moreland	Univ. of Texas	\$1400
Virginia B. Shilstone	Jacquelyn Delin	UT-Dallas	\$2250

Scholarships funded by these Houston alumnae were also awarded:

Anne S. Budill	Emma Gallagher	UCLA	\$1150
Dinah H. McClymonds	Anna Berry	Baylor	\$1375
Judy Sauer	Jenny Cale	Univ. of Texas	\$1075
	Vitoria Moreno-Costa	MIT	\$1000
Mary C. Miller	Kelly Fagan	Univ. of Mississippi	\$1000
	Azaria Gaudreau	Univ. of Vermont	\$1025
Monisa C. Cline	Natasha Rogen	Univ. of San Francisco	\$1000

A total of \$27,725 was given to these fine young women from our endowed scholarship funds.

Grand Convention Highlights (continued)

Locally:

- Our Houston Alumnae Chapter received the Golden Kite Award, given to outstanding alumnae chapters.
- Our Houston Alumnae Chapter was recognized for 28 Years of giving to the Theta Foundation, one of 8 chapters to do so.
- Our Houston Alumnae Chapter was recognized for its \$25,000 gift to the Give to Lead, Give to Learn Campaign.

Texas college chapters and their Award Levels:

Gold: Texas Tech; Silver: Baylor, UT-Dallas; and Bronze: SMU, TCU and A&M.



Phoenix, AZ
This summer, the heat
didn't hinder the making of
friends, the sharing of
ideas, or the affirmation of
our traditions. Attending

Grand Convention is always a privilege, and certainly fun, and a lot is accomplished in the short time Thetas from across the continent gather together. Chapter President **Cynthia Lange**, President-Elect, **Margaret Buescher**, Foundation Trustee **Dinah McClymonds** and College District Director, **Alicia Lee**, attended. Some highlights:

- Thanks to over 2400 donors, the Give to Lead, Give to Learn Campaign surpassed its \$5 Million goal.
- Eta Sigma Chapter, Chapman University, and the Nashville Alumnae Chapter received the Founders Awards. These are the two most outstanding chapters for the past biennium.
- Theta speakers Brooke Johnson, CEO of the Food Network, and Caroline Ghosn, Founder of Levo, a networking movement for millenials, entertained and inspired Thetas.
- Grand Council elections resulted in two new Vice Presidents, Heather Granato and Erica Ochs. Laura Doerre of the Houston NW Chapter remains as Grand Council President for two more years.
- The Fraternity and Foundation announced that \$1 Million will be raised in support of CASA to fund a performance measurement initiative. An initial gift of \$200,000 was made as the first investment in CASA's new initiative.



(L-R) Cynthia Lange, Dinah McClymonds, Margaret Buescher, Alicia Lee

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For more information, visit www.kappaalphatheta.org

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You're invited!

StrengthsQuest*

Saturday, October 1st 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church 8300 Katy Freeway, 77024 Chair: Cynthia Lange

*Understand your talents and how to best use your talents and strengths to achieve personal and professional success!

You must register in advance by going to our national website www.kappaalphatheta.org

Registration closes September 23rd. Cost to attend is FREE for all dues-paying alumnae or Life Loyal members thanks to the support of the Fraternity and Theta Foundation.

I HEAR YA!

Our Young Alumnae (aka YA) are making connections and having fun in H-Town...from a Pedal Party through Midtown with a rainstorm that joined YA for a block to perfect weather for Date Night at the Astros! YA had a happy hour in the Heights and are planning more! Sometimes YA even work for their drinks - an early start to a Saturday morning seemed to deter some, but Spin and Mimosas at the Met was a great way to start the day!

(See pictures on page 9.)

Join YA at the Superhero Run on October 15th!

Here's to a fun-filled fall with football, happy hours and many greater events to come!

Follow us on our Facebook page:

Houston Young Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta

Meet Our Newest Thetas! *Legacy

University of Texas

Brittany Aaronson – Episcopal Annie Alexander – Memorial Katherine Anderson – Memorial Mia Bonner – Kinkaid Claire Brudner – Lamar

Hope Brunner – Memorial

Casey Craft – St. Agnes

Kat Daffin – St. Agnes

Claire DeShong* - Memorial

Christiana Elliott* – Second Baptist

Mackie Gilchrist – Episcopal

Hannah Herrold – Episcopal

Mackenzie Hiskey – Lamar

Maddie Hiskey – Lamar

Kendall Keller – Lamar

Mary Pat Patrizi* - St. John's

Kylee Rocher - Memorial

Catherine Schell* - St. Agnes

Georgia Wahl – Espicopal

Erin Wallace - Bellaire

Emily Zenner* - Episcopal

Texas A&M

Sarah Duncan – Memorial Rachel Hanchera* - Lamar Libby Lorenz* - Bellaire Molly Murphy – Stratford Lauren Park – Second Baptist

TCU

Cokie Nerz* – Lamar Jessica Shonbeck* - St. Agnes

University of Oklahoma

Morgan Rogers – Episcopal

University of Tulsa

Emma Jackson - Stratford

USC

Lexie Ammons - Kinkaid



2016-2017 Houston Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta **Executive Board**

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Welcoming Thetas!

NITE KITES! HAPPY HOUR! NITE KITES! HAPPY HOUR! NITE KITES! HAPPY HOUR!

We're kicking off Theta Nite Kites with a happy hour on

New Event!

Tuesday, September 20th 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Bacco Wine and Spirits 5010 Dincans, 77005

Please rsvp to Martha Claire Mealy, mcmealy@gmail.com by September 13th so we know how much space to reserve.

Please join us!

Theta Fun and Fellowship!



Young Alumnae Spin and Mimosas: (L to R) Liz Price, Kelsey Ullom, Katherine Belk, Elizabeth Walsh, Ashley Sorrels, Alexandra Pahnke



Surprise celebration of **Dorothy Wynne's** 87th birthday at Monday's Mah Jongg with her daughters (L-R) **Emily Bolin, Laura Cale, Sallie Mansell**

The passing of the apron? Come see what's cookin' this year!

L-R Melinda Chernosky (Chapter Advisor) Cynthia Lange (President)





Young Alumnae Pedal Party: Top Row: Elizabeth Walsh and Molly Hubbard Bottom Row: Katy Allen, Sari Imber, Kelsey Ullom, Caroline Gulsby, Swetha Narayanan, Jackie Taggart, Carrie Cornelius



End of Year Celebration and Lunch at the lovely home of Susie Smith.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bible Study	Every Monday, 1:30-3:00 p.m. starting September 26 th , St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Room R23B. We are studying the Psalms, wonderful and personal as well as praise and worship. The group is very casual, very friendly, most welcoming. Join us! Contact Suzy Heine 713-858-0802 or at suzyq819@gmail.com
Bridge	Theta Bridge meets on Thursday, September 22 nd , and on Thursday, October 27 th . We will meet at The Forest Club, 11:00 a.m 3:00 p.m. for bridge and lunch. All bridge players are welcome. Please contact Jan Neuenschwander , 713-781-8899, or janeuen@aol.com
WildKats Investment Club	11:30 a.m 1:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month from September through June. Contact Connie Seger (713-622-8079) or Mary Helen Davenport (713-523-9065) if you are interested. First meeting: September 14 th at the home of Marti Peterson .
Maj Jongg	Join us Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Contact Dinah McClymonds 832-242-3191 or DinahMcC@aol.com for more information.
Nite Kites	Join fellow Thetas for your favorite beverage and bite to eat. First Happy Hour on Tuesday, September 20 th , 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Bacco Wine. Rsvp to Martha Claire at mcmealy@gmail.com

MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sept 8 6:00 p.m.	Young Alumnae's Happy Hour The Dogwood Midtown, 2503 Bagby Street, 77006
Thursday	
Sept 14 10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting at the home of Allison Allison, 1112 River Glyn Drive, 77063
Wednesday	
Sept 20 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Nite Kites Happy Hour Kick-off at Bacco Wine and Spirits, 5010 Dincans, 77005. Rsvp to Martha
Tuesday New Event!	Claire Mealy, mcmealy@gmail.com by September 13 th .
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Wednesday	Guest Speaker: Leslie Sinclair, "Segreto: Secrets to Finishing Beautiful Interiors". \$15 for lunch.
Sept 27 5:30-7:00 p.m.	Young Alumnae "Relish" Time with TCAS Designers and Art Experts Happy Hour at Relish
Tuesday	Restaurant & Bar* 2810 Westheimer, 77098 *Restaurant's new location!
Oct 1 9:30 a.m12:00 p.m.	StrengthsQuest at Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 8300 Katy Freeway, 77024
Saturday	Registration deadline is September 23 rd at www.kappaalphatheta.org
Oct 6 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Young Alumnae Happy Hour with Fiji Alumnae at Federal American Grille,
Thursday New Event!	510 Shepherd Drive, 77007
Oct 15 8:00 –12:00 p.m.	Child Advocates Superhero Run at City Centre, 800 Town & Country Blvd. Contact Elizabeth Walsh
Saturday	at ETWalsh465@gmail.com Register at www.childadvocates.org/superhero
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